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Dear Interested Parties:

I have decided to authorize the Special Use Permit (SUP) for the Sullivan Private Land Access in the Town of Ripton, Addison County, Vermont.

The Sullivan SUP will be issued to allow the reconstruction of a user-maintained four-wheel drive road along an existing access route of approximately 0.65 miles to Sullivan's land on Sparks Brook. The access route will be gated and all maintenance to U.S. Forest Service (USFS) standards will be the responsibility of the special use permittee. Maintenance necessitated by use is both required and authorized. The Sullivan permit is located on National Forest System (NFS) land on the Middlebury Ranger District of the Green Mountain National Forest (see attached map).

My decision is documented in the enclosed Sullivan Private Land Access Special Use Permit Decision Memo. Based on my review of the environmental analysis undertaken specifically for this project, the results of which are contained in the Project File, I have determined that this project may be categorically excluded from review in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment. This decision is not subject to administrative appeal, and may be implemented immediately. Implementation is scheduled to begin in or about June, 2009.

Further information about this decision can be obtained by contacting Dan McKinley at the Rochester Ranger District, 99 Ranger Rd., Rochester, VT 05767; 802-767-4261, ext. 516 (voice); 802-767-4777 (facsimile); 802-747-6765 (TTY); or dmckinley@fs.fed.us (email).

Sincerely,

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